

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held May 26, 2009; meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, Robert Miner, James Sousa, Brian Remy, Jon Ulmschneider, & Christopher Stanley. Also: Nancy Hayes.

Minutes from previous meeting read. R. Miner made motion, with second by N. Blank, to accept as submitted. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence:

„« Individual company correspondence distributed.

„« CPR cards distributed.

„« FF II certificates distributed.

Old Business:

„« 2009/2010 Budget ¡V Only 47 people attended Financial Town Meeting; proposed budget automatically passed by default since no quorum.

„« Sexual Harassment Policy acknowledgement received from Sta. 3. Chief reminded everyone it is to be posted in each station.

„« Firemen¡s Memorial Sunday ¡V Breakfast @ Sta. 5; Mass @ St. Mary¡s. Chief needs names of deceased members as soon as possible. Parade route changed this year. Chief stated word around town is he made change without approval of Board; Board members

responded they took proposed change to their members, and only one company was opposed. Chief stated this year's route will be on a trial basis; after this if everyone wants to revert to the original route, we can. Chief would like to have Tower 1 proceed up State St. to the Common, since they will have the flowers. He would like Eng. 2 & 3 to go before Tower 1 to the top of State, with the remaining trucks going up the side streets to avoid the congestion. He also wants Rescue to stage at the bottom of State St.

„« Scholarships ¡V Two applications received; deadline for submission has passed.

New Business:

„« Hugh Cole School Cookout ¡V June 17th. Anyone who can help should be at HQ by 0800, or at the pavilion by 0900. Approximately 750 people to be served this year.

„« Chief has some names for FF details at St. Thomas; anyone else interested should give their name to the Chief as soon as possible.

„« Updated Emergency Access Box Listing distributed.

„« Letter of Resignation ¡V Lou Stravato resigned from E-2 only.

Station Reports:

„« Work on Sta. 6 progressing well. Architect said extension drywall needs to be lowered by two feet and the plywood extended four feet to access studs for the brace for the knee wall. Windows, interior and exterior doors, and floor tile has been chosen.

Training:

„« Mayday Drill ;V Some company officers were unable to attend; Chief wants them to be sure to attend next one.

„« Union Fire District ;V Chief stated majority of individuals going are young, new members; Chief does not feel it is necessary for senior officers to participate. Chief stated some officers feel offended by not being permitted to go; however, Chief feels as line officers they do not need to see a live burn and flashover. The few officers who are going are ones who do not have as much experience as others, particularly those from Tower 1. Ladder members have traditionally been outside during fires, and the Chief wants them to get more interior experience. Chief stated he will not prevent anyone from going to observe, but he would like a senior officer to stay in town in case of an emergency. 18 air packs from E-1, 4, Hazards, & Tower 1 will be out of town for exercise. Chief ordering box lunches.

„« Chief wants Training Division to determine whether they want EMT classes held in or out of town. Steve Asselin expressed interest in conducting a class in town. Any participant will be required to pay one-half up front as a means of encouraging class completion. Anyone interested in taking a class should provide their name to the Chief.

Other:

„« EMS Expo Conference in Cranston ;V 8 individuals signed up, but nobody went. Cost was \$200 total. Chief stated in the future anyone wishing to attend a conference will be required to pay up front. If

they attend and provide proof of attendance, they will be reimbursed.

„« Chief reminded everyone of HIPPA regulations.

„« Dan Costa has been released by physician to return to doing rescue/fire calls. Chief advised N. Hayes she is to have Dan's EMS performance reviewed by ride time with rescue officers since he has been out so long.

„« June calendar distributed.

„« J. Ulmschneider asked about status of new trucks. Chief is hoping to have drawings by Firemen's Memorial Sunday. Anticipated delivery date is by early September. Tanker will probably be done before pumper; they will be delivered together. Chief will make arrangements to visit KME facility to see the trucks; he will contact J. Healey for dates.

„« Marine unit now in the water (Marine 3 is formerly Marine 4). Ed Cabral is in charge of boat; he and George Gempp will be in charge of training for it. Chief will appoint someone to ensure weekly maintenance is being done. There will be a list of individuals trained to operate the boat. There will be shore power for the boat.

„« Traffic on Child St. will be an extended problem; new sidewalks are to be installed. Chief will let deputy and assistant chiefs know if he will be out of town. When Chief is in town, he asks that deputy/assistant chiefs respond with lights/sirens to stations to get their respective trucks due to traffic situation. Tower 1 should use major streets when responding, not small side streets. Council member Tattrie will be proposing to have contractor pay \$100 per person per day for 2 rescue personnel and at least 1 fire personnel at

HQ for standby during street construction.

There being no further business to discuss, B. Remy made motion, with second by N. Blank, to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed; meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.